

REMARKS

I. PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 10, 13, 14, 16-21, 23, 25, 30, 35, 37, 39 and 40 have been amended. No claims have been canceled. Claims 41-44 have been added. Claims 1-44 remain in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

II. FORMALISTIC ISSUES

Claim 37 has been objected to. Applicant respectfully submits that the objection has been obviated by the correction of the minor typographical error in claim 37.

Claims 31-33 and 35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully traversed because one of skill in the art would have understood that there was simply a minor typographical error in claim 30 and, accordingly, would have understood what was being claimed. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, has also been rendered moot by the amendment to claim 30, which corrects the typographical error.

III. PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

A. The Rejections

Claims 1-6, 8-14, 16-21 and 24-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,134,491 to Muraji ("the Muraji patent"). Claims 7, 15 and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of the Muraji patent and U.S. Patent No. 6,543,900 to Noji ("the Noji patent"). Claims 30-40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of the Muraji patent and the

Tanenbaum publication. The rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 are respectfully traversed with respect to the claims as amended above. Reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

B. Discussion

The Muraji patent fails to teach or suggest the devices, methods, and computer memories with executable instructions respectively defined by independent claims 1, 10, 16, 18, 19, 25, 30 and 37. For example, the Muraji patent fails to teach or suggest the display of a message concerning the opportunity to prevent a power down process (or the switching of a light source to an OFF state) after a power command. To the contrary, the Muraji patent specifically discloses that ***nothing*** is displayed on the screen after the power command. [Column 4, lines 19-41.]

As the Muraji patent fails to teach or suggest each and every element of the respective combinations recited in independent claims 1, 10, 16, 18; 19 and 25, applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-6, 8-14, 16-21 and 24-29 are patentable thereover and that the rejection of claims 1-6, 8-14, 16-21 and 24-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 should be withdrawn.

Turning to claims 7, 15 and 23, applicant respectfully submits that the Noji patent fails to remedy the aforementioned deficiencies in the Muraji patent with respect to independent claims 1, 10 and 19. As such applicant respectfully submits that claims 7, 15 and 23 are patentable for at least the same reasons as independent claims 1, 10 and 19 and that the rejection of claims 7, 15 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 should be withdrawn.

With respect to the rejection of claims 30-40, applicant respectfully submits that the Tanenbaum publication fails to remedy the aforementioned deficiencies in the Muraji patent with respect to independent claims 30 and 37. As such applicant respectfully submits that claims 30-40 are patentable thereover and that the rejection of claims 30-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 should be withdrawn.

IV. NEWLY PRESENTED CLAIMS 41-44

Newly presented 41-44 respectively depend from independent claims 1, 18, 25 and 30 and, accordingly, are patentable for at least the same reasons as claims 1, 18, 25 and 30.

V. CLOSING REMARKS

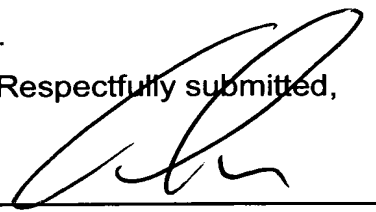
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the application are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is courteously solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call applicant's undersigned representative at (310) 563-1458 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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